

**speculation**[ˌspekjuˈleɪʃ(ə)n] *n*

1. размышление, обдумывание  
to engage in speculation on man's ultimate destiny - размышлять о судьбах человечества  
in consequence of these speculations he decided to stay - в результате этих размышлений он решил остаться
2. гипотеза, предположение; домысел  
pure speculation - всего лишь предположение  
to be the subject of much speculation - служить поводом для различных предположений /догадок/  
to do smth. on speculation - делать что-л. наудачу /наугад/  
his speculation was impossible to verify - его гипотеза не поддавалась проверке
3. 1) *филос.* спекуляция, умозрение  
2) процесс априорного рассуждения
4. спекуляция, спекулирование  
speculation in rice - спекуляция рисом  
land speculation - спекуляция земельными участками  
heavy speculation - спекуляция в больших масштабах
5. игра на бирже, спекуляция  
speculation for a rise [for a fall] - игра на повышение [на понижение]
6. *учм.* рассмотрение, глубокое исследование (*чего-л.*)
7. «спекуляция» (*карточная игра*)

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specu·la·tion [speculation speculations] *BrE* [ˌspekjuˈleɪʃn] <sup>m</sup> *NAmE*[ˌspekjuˈleɪʃn] <sup>m</sup> **noun**

1. **uncountable, countable** the act of forming opinions about what has happened or what might happen without knowing all the facts
  - ~ **(that...)** There was widespread speculation that she was going to resign.
  - His private life is the subject of much speculation.
  - ~ **(about/over sth)** Today's announcement ends months of speculation about the company's future.
  - The president's absence led to speculation over his health.
  - She dismissed the newspaper reports as **pure speculation**.
  - Our speculations proved right.
2. **uncountable, countable** ~ **(in sth)** the activity of buying and selling goods or shares in a company in the hope of making a profit, but with the risk of losing money
  - speculation in oil

Thesaurus:**speculation** **noun** U, C

• His private life is the subject of much speculation.

**conjecture** • • **guesswork** • • **guess** • • **assumption** • • **presumption** • |**formal, often disapproving presupposition** •speculation/conjecture/guesswork/a guess/an assumption/a presumption/a presupposition **about** sthspeculation/the conjecture/a guess/the assumption/the presumption/the presupposition **that...****pure/sheer** speculation/conjecture/guessworkExample Bank:

- He was dropped from the team amid speculation that he was sick.
- Much speculation surrounds his role in the crisis.
- Speculation is mounting that a new tax will be introduced.
- Speculation was rife as to who would be chosen as a successor.
- Speculation was rife as to whom the prince might marry.
- There has been a lot of speculation linking the defender with a move to Chelsea.
- There has been increasing speculation over the company's future.
- There was wild speculation among the students as to the reason for cancelling the lecture.
- This is just speculation on my part.
- This issue has attracted a great deal of speculation among economists.
- Whether or not he will get the job is mere speculation.
- With a lack of credible answers, speculation is running rampant.
- amateur speculation based on questionable assumptions
- speculation against the euro
- speculation on the stock market
- Our speculations proved correct.
- She dismissed the newspaper report as pure speculation.
- Speculation was rife that he was having an affair.
- The visit fuelled speculation about a major arms deal between the two countries.
- There has been intense media speculation over the past few days.
- Today's announcement ends months of speculation about the company's future.

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speculation /ˌspekjuˈleɪʃən, ˌspekjuˈleɪʃən/ *BrE* <sup>m</sup> *AmE* <sup>m</sup> **noun** [uncountable and countable]

- when you guess about the possible causes or effects of something without knowing all the facts, or the guesses that you make  
  - speculation that  
    - There is speculation that the president is ill.
  - speculation about/on  
    - speculation about the future
    - The witness's statement was pure speculation (=not based on any knowledge).
  - wild/idle speculation (=speculation that is unlikely to be true)
- when you try to make a large profit by buying goods, property, ↑shares etc and then selling them:  
  - property speculation
  - ...

## COLLOCATIONS

### ADJECTIVES/NOUN + speculation

- pure/mere speculation (=not based on any knowledge) A government official yesterday dismissed the reports as 'pure speculation'.
- wild/idle speculation (=unlikely to be true) Such fears are wild speculation.
- intense speculation The reason for his resignation was the subject of intense speculation.
- widespread speculation There was widespread speculation about his political plans.
- renewed speculation The move has prompted renewed speculation that an election will be held in April.
- press/media speculation She appealed for an end to press speculation about her marriage.

### verbs

- lead to/prompt/give rise to speculation (=result in it) This development led to speculation that she was about to resign.
- fuel speculation (=make it increase) The announcement has fueled speculation that the company will be the target of a takeover bid.
- dismiss speculation (=say that it is not true) He dismissed speculation that he might run for president.
- end speculation Smith has ended speculation about his future by signing a new contract.

### phrases

- be a matter for speculation (=be unknown) The precise nature of the deal is a matter for speculation.
- be the subject of speculation (=be thought and guessed about) His role in the affair has been the subject of speculation in the press.
- ...

## THESAURUS

- rumour *British English*, rumor *American English* *noun* [uncountable and countable] information or a story that is passed from one person to another and which may or may not be true: The band denied the rumours that they may be splitting up. | The truth finally came out after months of rumour. | I've heard rumours about a ghost in the building.
- speculation *noun* [uncountable] a situation in which a lot of people are talking about something that is happening, especially something that is happening in politics or public life, and trying to guess what the truth is: There was a great deal of speculation about a possible merger involving Belgium's largest banks. | The report fuelled speculation (=caused more speculation) that he was about to resign. | His future as a player has been the subject of intense speculation.
- gossip *noun* [uncountable] things that people say about what they think has happened in other people's private lives, which is usually not true: She tells me all the latest gossip from the office. | The magazine was full of gossip about celebrities. | You shouldn't believe every piece of gossip you hear.
- talk *noun* [uncountable] something that people talk about a lot but which is not official: The government has dismissed talk of a military strike on the country. | There's been a lot of talk of him resigning.
- hearsay *noun* [uncountable] something that you have heard from someone else, but cannot prove whether it is true or untrue – often used in legal contexts: All the accounts were based on hearsay rather than eye-witness reports. | hearsay evidence

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